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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor or Application Identifier: Shaffer, et al.

Entitled: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING PRIORITIZED  
ACCESS TO A MESSAGING SYSTEM

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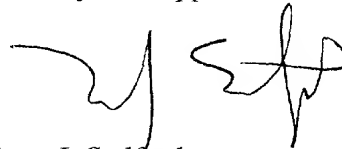
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